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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE MOSCOW 13880, POSITION WE HAVE WORKED OUT WITH
PER/FCA FOR AN ENLARGED SMALL GROUP MEETING NEXT THURSDAY
CALLS FOR TWO UNIVERSITY TRAINING POSITIONS PER YEAR FOR
SOVIET AREA STUDIES (ONE ADDITIONAL TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE
NOW). USUAL EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON SOVIET ECONOMICS FOR ONE,
POL/MIL (ARMS CONTROL) FOR THE OTHER. BUT WE WOULD ASK FOR
FLEXIBILITY TO TAILOR TRAINING TO ALSO INCLUDE SOVIET LAW,
NATIONAL MINORITIES AND OTHER SUBJECTS RELEVANT TO EN-
RICHING OUR CORPS.

2. PROBLEM YOU PUT YOUR FINGER ON IS CANDIDATES WE HAVE TO
WORK WITH, COMPLICATED BY THE NEW CAREER DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM WHICH SEVERELY LIMITS AMOUNT OF TRAINING AN OFFICER
CAN HAVE IN HIS FIRST THREE YEARS. THIS MEANS WE WILL
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MAINLY BE LOOKING FOR OFFICERS O6 TO O3, WITH A SOVIET UNION
ASSIGNMENT OR SUBSTANTIAL RUSSIAN UNDER THEIR BELTS, WHO
WANT TO BE HARD CORE CADRE. WE WILL LOOK FOR SUCH OFFICERS
TO TRAIN AND SEND ON TO YOU, BUT WE ALSO SEE UNIVERSITY
TRAINING AS A TWO WAY STREET AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR
RECRUITING THE BEST OF YOUR DEPARTING OFFICERS TO RETURN
TO SOVIET AREA ASSIGNMENTS HERE VIA TRAINING, OR IN SOME

COMBINATION OF TRAINING AND RECYCLING BACK TO YOU.

3. THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH BILL BROWN'S PROPOSED TRAVEL TO PEKING AND ULAN BAATOR, BUT WE WILL CONFIRM THIS IN REGULAR CHANNELS IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. WE ARE GOING TO WRITE UP SUPERIOR HONOR AWARD FOR TOM TRACY HERE AND HAVE THE AMBASSADOR SIGN IT. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROVIDING US WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR SECTION 10 "JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION" AS WELL AS FOR THE STATEMENT TO BE USED ON THE AWARD ITSELF. VANCE

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